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SUBJECT: CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - WRAP UP

1. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HAVE A GENERAL DEBATE AND THEN COMMENCE A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUES. REVIEW PRO-  
PONENTS EVIDENCED NO CLEAR OR AGREED IDEA HOW THEY WANTED TO ORGANIZE THE SESSION. THE US, UK, FRANCE AND USSR ON OTHER  
HAND MAINTAINED EXCEEDINGLY CLOSE COOPERATION AND NEVER WORKED AT CROSS PURPOSES IN THE COMMITTEE.

2. THE GENERAL DEBATE WAS DESULTORY WITH MANY REVIEW PRO-  
PONENTS NOT TROUBLING TO SPEAK. SINCE ALL THE ANTI-REVISION DELEGATIONS SPOKE--UK, FRANCE, US, USSR (IN THAT ORDER),  
BELGIUM, AND THE EE'S (MINUS ROMANIA)--THE RECORD OF THE DEBATE IS WEIGHTED IN FAVOR OF OPPONENTS OF REVISION.

3. WHILE GENERAL DEBATE WAS IN PROCESS, REVIEW PROPONENTS  
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FLOUNDERED ABOUT TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANTED A

WORKING GROUP OR GROUPS; IF SO, WHAT THEY WANTED THE GROUP OR GROUPS TO DO; AND WHETHER THE GROUP OR GROUPS SHOULD BE OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP OR OPEN ENDED. JAPAN TOOK LEAD IN URGING THAT WORKING GROUP CONCENTRATE ON PREPARING A LIST OF PROPOSALS TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF INTEREST AND POTENTIAL AGREEMENT. SINCE THIS WOULD HAVE TENDED TO FOCUS ATTENTION AWAY FROM A RATHER RAMBLING IF COMPREHENSIVE SECRETARIAT ANALYTIC PAPER (A/AC.182/L.2) AND ONTO SPECIFIC REVISION PROPOSALS, WE, BRITISH, FRENCH AND SOVIETS ASSERTED THAT REVIEW OF ALL PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS SHOULD PRECEDE LIST-MAKING, WHICH WAS A MECHANICAL EXERCISE NOT REQUIRING A WORKING GROUP. AT END OF SECOND WEEK THE COMMITTEE FINALLY AGREED TO ESTABLISH OPEN ENDED WORKING GROUP TO GO THROUGH A FIRST READING, PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH, OF THE SECRETARIAT PAPER.

4. WORKING GROUP HELD TEN MEETINGS AND WORKED THROUGH FIRST 45 OF 144 PARAGRAPH SECRETARIAT PAPER. ROMANIA, COLOMBIA, MEXICO, FRANCE, USSR, UK, US AND, TO LESSER EXTENT, CYPRUS, JAPAN, ITALY, BELGIUM AND POLAND DID MOST OF TALKING.

5. GENERAL NATURE OF THE PARAGRAPHS PERMITTED A WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION AND PROVIDED REVISION OPPONENTS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND POKE HOLES IN REVISION PROPOSALS. DISCUSSION WAS MODERATE IN TONE AND CONDUCTED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT SINCE THIS WAS FIRST READING, THERE WAS NO PURPOSE IN SEEKING TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES.

6. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION A NUMBER OF FORMAL PROPOSALS WERE MADE BY COLOMBIA, PHILIPPINES, MEXICO AND ROMANIA (TEXTS POUCHED HARTLEY UNP, STOWE L/UNA) COVERING SUCH SUBJECTS AS ENEMY STATES CLAUSES, PEACEKEEPING, SECURITY COUNCIL COMPOSITION, CONSENSUS PROCEDURES, AND NEW ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE GA IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. PROPOSALS WILL BE INCLUDED IN REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE WITHOUT ATTRIBUTING THE AUTHORSHIP.

7. GENERALLY GOOD ATMOSPHERE IN COMMITTEE WAS SOMEWHAT TARNISHED BY BATTLE ARISING FROM REQUEST OF STATES WHICH HAD SUBMITTED WRITTEN PROPOSALS TO HAVE THEM ANNEXED TO COMMITTEE'S REPORT AND ADAMANT AND EFFECTIVE, ALBEIT PURPOSELESS, CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIET INSISTENCE THEY NOT BE ANNEXED. THIS LEFT BAD TASTE IN MOUTH OF REVISIONISTS AND UNDERMINED OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THEM HAPPILY WORKING IN A DIFFUSE MANNER. DAMAGE SOMEWHAT UNDONE BY JAPANESE STATEMENT AT END THAT SESSION HAD BEEN USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE, IN WHICH WE AND OTHERS JOINED.

8. CONTINUED DISARRAY OF REVIEW PROPONENTS, INTIMATE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN US, UK, FRENCH AND SOVIET DELE-

GATIONS, ADDITION OF BELGIUM AS AN ARTICULATE ANTI-REVISIONIST, AND EVOLUTION OF ITALY'S POSITION AWAY FROM REVISION WERE AMONG POSITIVE NOTEWORTHY ASPECTS OF SESSION. A PUZZLING DEGREE OF PRO-REVISION ACTIVISM ON PART OF SPAIN (NOW THE ONLY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY FAVORING REVISION), THE DEGREE TO WHICH JAPAN SEEMS STILL ACTIVELY AIDING AND ENCOURAGING REVISIONISTS, EMERGENCE OF MEXICO AS AN ACTIVE REVISIONIST, AND VIRTUAL SILENCE OF FRG REPRESENTATIVE WHO PRIVATELY INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH OUR POSITION, WERE AMONG NOTEWORTHY NEGATIVE ASPECTS.

9. ALTHOUGH COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIETS WAS EXCELLENT, ONE ASPECT OF THEIR PERFORMANCE WAS TROUBLESOME. ON EVERY OCCASION WHEN A MINOR CONCESSION TO THE REVISIONISTS WOULD HAVE KEPT THEM NOT ONLY WORKING IN A GENERALLY UNPRODUCTIVE MANNER BUT HAPPY TO DO SO, SOVIETS INSISTED ON TAKING TOUGH STANDS WHICH RUBBED THE REVISIONISTS NOSES IN THEIR OWN LACK OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND, BY HUMILIATING THEM, GAVE THEM A CAUSE AROUND WHICH TO RALLY. WE SUSPECT SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE KOLESNIK WAS AWARE OF THE TACTICAL FOLLY OF THIS APPROACH BUT HE HAD APPARENTLY HAD RIGID INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW AND FIRE-BREATHING SUPERVISION OF AMB. MALIK. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS US, UK AND EVEN FRENCH DELOFFS TRIED TO ARGUE TACTICAL MERITS OF DISPENSING A FEW CRUMBS BUT KOLESNIK REMAINED UNREASONINGLY ADAMANT. IT SEEMS TO US DEPARTMENT MIGHT USEFULLY REQUEST EMBASSY MOSCOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH APPRECIATION EXCELLENT COOPERATION AND CANDOR AMONG OUR FOUR DELEGATIONS TO USSR FONOFF BUT TO URGE GREATER TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY ON SOVIET PART SO THEY DO NOT NEEDLESSLY ANGER THE REVISIONISTS AND GIVE THEM A CAUSE TO RALLY ROUND INTELLIGENTLY AGAINST US.  
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